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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 2:4 asked by Sri M. Jagannathan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 17th September 1958, page 25 supra.]

Recommendations made by the State Harijan Welfare Committee at its meeting held on 6th April 1958.

(1) That the question of amending the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, providing for the compulsory appointment of a trustee in each temple under the control of the Government may be examined further.

(2) (i) That the question may be verified whether at present the scale of reservation in Government services is made applicable to service in local bodies also, and, if not, steps may be taken to make the rule applicable to local body service also.

(ii) That the existing wards may without detriment to the present system be suitably delimited, so that the locality, which has Harijan majority, does not lose its preponderance by the division of the locality and merging it or part of it with an additional caste Hindu locality.

(3) That the karnams should enter in the village register, the names of actual cultivating tenants and the periods over which they have been cultivating the lands and that the District Welfare Officers should be asked to enquire into cases where wrong entries have been made.

(4) That the Government may be requested to find out the total number of acres belonging to Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments and Devasthanams and also the total number of acres leased out to Harijans for agricultural purposes so far in this State and to provide more lands on lease to the Harijans so that economic and social conditions may be bettered.

(5) That the question of increasing the number of and expanding the existing Technical Institutions may be examined so that the larger number of persons could be got trained and then the Harijans also will have a due share in the total number.

(6) That common halls should be constructed for the use of the Harijan public to organize meetings, etc.—one in each taluk centre, partly from local subscription and partly from Government funds.

(7) That wherever there are two cooks in a hostel, one should be a Harijan.

(8) That the existing procedure laid down in the Notification No. I in regard to the payment of non recurring grants and non-residential scholarships may be replaced by the procedure followed in the Kerala State with a view to ensure quicker disbursements and minimise the expenditure to Government.

(9) That the Government may be requested to authorize the officials of the State and Central Governments also to issue community certificate.